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I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the statement made by the Spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey in connection with the recent Armenian aggression against Azerbaijan.

I should be grateful if this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) İnal BATU
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement made by the Spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey in connection with the recent Armenian aggression on 27 October 1993

In the latest of its acts of aggression, Armenia has recently occupied the Horadis district of the Azerbaijani Republic and issued an ultimatum for the evacuation of the city of Zengelan. Thus, the Armenian aggression has reached new dimensions, threatening the security of other countries in the region.

The new Armenian attacks, which coincided with the visit of the Foreign Minister of Sweden to the region in her capacity as the Chairperson-in-Office of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), further demonstrate the unwillingness of the Armenian side to resolve the problem through negotiations. Not only the countries of the region, but the international community as well must, without further delay, react against the ongoing Armenian aggression, which is being carried out in blatant violation of the relevant Security Council resolutions and CSCE principles.

In an attempt to halt Armenian aggression, as a first step, the logistical supply enabling the continuation of the Armenian attacks must be cut off and other necessary enforcement measures, including sanctions, should be adopted by the international community at once.

Turkey strongly condemns these attacks and is taking the measures necessitated by the present situation.